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of France, and quite appreciate the motives which have suggested themselves to her to bring about better relations than have lately existed between Russia and England. Those strained relations were, it is well to remember, in no way of England's seeking, but were brought about absolutely by Russian bombast and ill faith. Ever since Russia commenced to cast a covetous eye on Manchuria, her conduct has been one succession of lying and ill faith; the more despicable that it was entirely gratuitous. With such a nation there is no possibility of entering into alliances which will only bind one and be jeeringly discarded by the other when it suits her purpose, with the insulting remark: "Fool that you were to trust me!" So much for Lord Lansdowne's trust in that *ignis fatuus* of weak-kneed statesmen—a Russian understanding. The ridiculousness—for no other word can so fitly express the situation—is emphasised by the fact that all the while that this silly palaver is going on Russia has been actually flaunting in the face of the British Minister who makes the unseemly proposal her intention of invading India. Here at least she makes no concealment, but actually holds her intention out as a threat when the Ambassador at St. Petersburg has anything more unpleasant than usual to deliver himself of.

At the same time, and heroin lies the shamefacedness of the situation, the British Minister has been talking bravely of the rights of neutrals, and thereby impaled himself on the horns of a dilemma. At the time when Russia's comparatively mild

outrage in the Red Sea was the only difficulty to face, and when a declaration that the British ships assisting at their own risk a belligerent ship, when not engaged in actual hostilities, and the theory is that it could not be a judge in such cases, and that British trade should be protected, not hampered; and it was for the opposing Power to protect its own interests. But it has always been held that there was reasonable discretion to be exercised. In the present case the British Government had made a boast of having concluded a treaty offensive and defensive with Japan under certain eventualities. Now it is not to be denied that that eventuality could never have occurred had not the Russian fleet been able to renew its losses before Port Arthur. In such a case no one would have felt sufficient interest in Russian friendship, or the reverse, to have caged to give her anything stronger than "moral" support, a thing far more prone to hamper than to assist. But the advent of a brand new fleet in Pacific waters, even when under the command of the redoubtable Admiral Rozhestvensky, may alter all this, and some nation possessed of a kindred spirit may be moved to join what for the nonce, and on paper, may seem the stronger party. Such things have happened before, and of course may happen again. Such is the by no means creditable impasse into which Mr. BALFOUR's propensity for philosophical argument seems to have plunged the country.

The Singapore team leave to-morrow by the German Mail.

The German s.s. *Zinghin* arrived from Swatow yesterday, bringing 1,400 tons of rice to Hongkong.

The s.s. *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*, the new N.D.L. steamer on her maiden trip, is expected here from Europe this morning.

The Hongkong Chess Club held their first match, "City v. Saburbs," at the City Hall Library this afternoon, commencing at 5 p.m.

H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan, will distribute the certificates awarded in connection with the Sanitary Institute, at the City Hall, on Friday next, at 5.30 p.m.

Mr. T. Grey, now an inspector of fitters at the Hongkong Naval Yard, has been appointed acting foreman at Portsmouth Dockyard. He has been in Hongkong for some years, and has well deserved his promotion.

The newly laid Police Recreation Club's Ground at Happy Valley will be opened by Mr. F. J. Badley, Captain Superintendent of Police, next Saturday afternoon. Matches, cricket and bowls, Married & Single, will be played. The first over will be taken by Mr. Badley, who will also send the first ball down the green. A band will be in attendance.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 22nd at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen slightly in the Philippines and fallen at other stations, but more particularly in Japan.

The greatest pressure now lies over the Yangtze Valley and the least to the northward of Hokkaido.

Moderate N.E. monsoon will prevail in the Formosa Channel and fresh monsoon in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate to fresh N.E. winds, fine.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

AMERICAN NAVAL ESTIMATES.

LONDON, 21st November.

The United States Naval Estimates amount to \$114,530,628.

[The expenditure of the Navy Department in 1902 was \$67,863,228; in 1903 it was \$82,618,034. Reuters adds that Mr. Morton, the Secretary of the Navy, speaking at New York, declared that President Roosevelt aimed at having the best and strongest Navy in the world.]

THE WAR.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

THE BALTIC FLEET.

FIVE SAILORS MURDERED AT CRETE.

LONDON, 21st November.

The *Daily Express* reports that five murders have been committed at Crete by sailors of the Baltic Fleet.

Forty men deserted, and intoxicated officers and men have been running amok.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE JAPANESE LOAN.

LONDON, 20th November.

The total subscriptions to the Japanese loan in London amounted to £80,533,800.

THE RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET.

LONDON, 20th November.

A section of the Russian Baltic fleet is expected at Port Said on Wednesday.

A JAPANESE REPULSE.

LONDON, 20th November.

The attack on Putiloff was evidently made in order to ascertain the strength of the Russian position. The Japanese got within thirty yards of the trenches, but were finally repulsed, leaving 100 dead.

NEW HOTEL FOR KOWLOON.

The "Station Hotel" (Tsim-Tsui-Tsoi) is to be erected on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 402, and will front on Robinson Road. This Lot has a frontage of 100 feet to Robinson Road and a depth of 150 feet. The design shows a three-storyed building on front wing, and four-storyed to north and south wings. Each wing has wide verandas to permit of every room having veranda accommodation. The front veranda is surmounted with towers, and the facade will have an elegant appearance. Eight European shops will be erected on the opposite side of Robinson Road, so that in all probability this part of Robinson Road will be the business centre of the future. The splendid position of Lot 402 demands that a fine building should be erected, and we are told the owner is sparing no expense to ensure the building being made as imposing as possible. The hotel will contain public bar and billiard room, private bar and billiard room, office, two dining rooms, and 44 large, airy, and well-ventilated rooms suitable for bedrooms, parlours, etc. The total number of rooms for public use will consequently be 51, exclusive of roomy servants' quarters, kitchen, pantry, larder, scullery and laundry. There will be ample bathroom and lavatory accommodation with up-to-date sanitary appliances. Electric passenger and food lifts, electric lighting and bells will be installed as well as gas lighting. Everything will be done to make the hotel thoroughly modern and worthy of the constantly growing Kowloon side. Rolled steel joists and concrete fire-proof flooring will be extensively used in the structural work. The directors are all gentlemen of good position, and the hotel will be under European management. The plans and specifications have been prepared by Mr. John Lam, F.I.A. Architect. The work will be commenced shortly, and carried out under his supervision to as speedy a completion as possible.

ZONE TIME ADOPTED IN LABUAN
AND NORTH BORNEO.

A copy of the following letter from the Secretary to the British North Borneo Co. to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies has reached us for publication:—

British North Borneo Company,

15, Leadenhall Street, E.C.

5th October, 1904.

SIR.—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 33130/1904, of the 29th ultimo, enclosing an extract from a despatch from the Governor of Hongkong to the Secretary of State with regard to the adoption of zone time in that Colony, and inviting the attention of the Court of Directors to Sir M. Nathan's reference to Labuan and North Borneo. I am instructed by the Court to say, in reply, that they are quite willing to arrange for the adoption of zone time in Labuan and North Borneo, and that instructions will be sent to Mr. Gueritz accordingly.—I am, etc.

(Sd.) HARRINGTON J. FORBES.

Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES
SOCIETY.THE ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE
CHINESE.

Last evening Mr. J. Dyer Ball gave a very interesting lecture, under the auspices of the Hongkong Odd Volumes Society, on "The Origin and Progress of the Chinese." The lecture, which was given in the former Chamber of Commerce Room at the City Hall, commenced at about half-past five. The Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., was in the chair, and there was very fair attendance of members and their friends, including many ladies. H.E. the Governor, president of the Society, was also present.

The Chairman, in introducing the lecturer, said that they all knew of Mr. Dyer Ball's knowledge about China. The subject was of great interest to all of them present, living, as they did, on the very threshold of the Chinese Empire. (Applause).

The Lecturer said he had some difficulty in compressing four thousand or more years of history into one hour. The records, indeed, went further back than that, but people were now sceptical about such ancient history. He spoke of ancient Chinese government and civilization, and its beneficial effect on both the Chinese themselves and on those immediately around them. Some believed the people of China to have a Babylonian or Accadian origin, but doubts were entertained on that subject—proof was lacking. He gave a short account of what the Chinese thought of ancient times. When their people first came to the country they absorbed some of the aborigines, and drove others into the mountain fastnesses. There were reminiscences of the aborigines in the boat population at Hongkong. The mythical period covered from forty-five thousand to five hundred thousand years, commencing with the creation of the world. There were three discoveries the credit for which no nation had had the audacity to try to wrest from the Chinese—porcelain, lacquer ware, and the manufacture of silk. In the time of the great Yu, roads and lanes, and vessels for the pathless sea, were first made. One account of the origin of boats was that the people got the idea from seeing leaves floating on the water. The population of China about that time was only one or two millions. The Yellow River and Hunan were brought under civilization, but the other parts were jungle affording lairs of wild beasts. There were no roads—only the tracks of animals. During the time of Yao Shun—the Golden Age—to keep a prisoner one had to draw a line around him—he would not try to escape. On the other hand, however, there were bad rulers. One of these cut the legs off a woman who, in very cold weather, was wading in the water to get fish from the river, to see if the marrow in her bones was the same as that of other people. The lecturer reviewed the time when the Chinese, like the Peruvians, counted their time by knots in strings: then notched in sticks. This was the origin of the abacus. He dealt with the beginning of writing, the hieroglyphics, and the change from pictures and symbols to conventional forms. The lecturer spoke of the invention of ink, paper, and so on. He spoke about the man who made the first idols: about the compass, first mentioned in Chinese literature of the fourth century before Christ: about Confucius, Mencius, Lao-tze, and other great men. Alchemy in China had developed into chemistry in the west; and charlatanism and superstition in the east. Feudalism brought about a more consolidated state of the Empire. The border was extended to the south of the Yangtze. Tsin Shu Huang Ti was the Napoleon of China. He built the Great Wall public defences and canals. Some of these works remained to this day. His destruction of books earned him the execrations of the literati. Parts of the books, nevertheless, were preserved in the minds of scholars, and so (with the few books safely hidden) much priceless lore escaped destruction. Mr. Dyer Ball referred to the Han Dynasty, the Tong Dynasty, introduction of Buddhism, and Ancestral Worship. It was merely guesswork as to the number of Buddhists in the world. He spoke of Chinese novels, of heroes and heroines; and of how the Chinese prized historical novels in their literature. The Chinese were nothing if not literary, yet there were a vast number of illiterate people in the country. The dark days of the middle ages in the West formed the brightest era in the East. Other subjects were the invention of gunpowder, and of printing. The last prince of the Sung Dynasty encamped in the New Territory of Hongkong. A large boulder with an inscription there, still to be seen, preserved his memory. Then came the Mongol conquest, and next the Ming Dynasty. During the Ming Dynasty the Portuguese Colony of Macao was founded, and Jesuit missionaries came to China. Foreign interference in China was another interesting subject; also the origin of the queue. The Chinese were making progress. The lecturer was optimistic enough to believe that anti-foreign feeling was dying out in Kwangsi and Kwangtung Provinces, as a result of the money subscribed by foreigners for the natives at the time of the recent famine. (Applause).

No one having any remarks to make, the Chairman said it only remained for him to thank Mr. Dyer Ball for his very excellent lecture. China was a very old conservative country, and did not like to change her ways. A poor man outside Peking, who on first sight called him a foreign devil, showed him the graves of eighteen of his ancestors—and that was further than he could go back. The Chinese might be justly proud of their antiquity.

(Sd.) HARRINGTON J. FORBES.

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FAMOUS INVENTOR IN
HONGKONG.

Among the guests at the King Edward Hotel there has been for the last few days Captain Orlan Clyde Cullen, C.E., L.L.M. Official Despatch Bearer for the American Government, better known as the inventor and manufacturer of "the ball-bearing rifled gun," about which the military expert of the *Times* had a great deal to say in the issue for the 18th of June.

Captain Cullen had no great objection to be interviewed, and pretended to none. He explained that he had been a newspaper man himself in his time; but that there was nothing else known against him. All great Americans seem to have been journalists at some period of their career.

Captain Cullen did not claim to be a great American (he stands six feet two inches); but he was convinced that his invention was "great," and its progress already justifies such a claim.

Although hundreds of inventors wrote the *Times* expert, have devoted time and ingenuity to the improvement of guns, no change of fundamental importance has been effected in the means by which rotation is imparted to the projectile since rifling was first introduced. And he went on to explain how the friction in the rifle grooves generated heat and diminished velocity. He added that Captain Cullen's invention had successfully avoided this waste of energy.

It consists of a lot of hard steel ball bearings placed in the rifling, with just a small arc of their circumference protruding into the barrel for the projectile to travel over. The projection is about one-twentieth of their diameter. Experts certify that the system is just as gas-tight as the ordinary rifling. The perfectly smooth cylindrical projectile fits closely to the bearings. The *Times* said the invention permitted the projectile to travel so easily and rapidly that the gas has scarcely time to get ahead of it.

"Now, Captain, if you will remember that it is not given to all newspaper men to savvy the theory of gunnery, you will give me the points without permitting me to expose my ignorance by putting foolish questions."

This set the inventor off at a great rate, with copious references to average velocity, maximum of penetration, trajectory, and things like that. The gist of it was that the new gun gave forty per cent. better results in all these details, reckoning, of course, on equal weights of explosive and projectile.

"Is it as expensive as the guns in general use now?"

"The cost of manufacture is greater to begin with," he said. "You can understand that the difficulty of cutting the grooves, which must be absolutely circular and absolutely parallel to each other, along the necessary spirals, is much greater than to make the ordinary grooves. That only takes into account the initial cost, however. You have to remember that my projectiles are so much simpler and cheaper; that nearly all the wear and tear is on the ball bearings, which are readily renewable; and that means a much longer life for the gun than is the case at present."

Another point he did not mention, but which appears in the *Times*, is that the barrel does not heat. "So markedly is this the case that with Maxim guns it is said to be possible to dispense with the cooling jackets which have given so much trouble in Tibet."

"What Governments, if any, have taken up your invention, Captain?"

"The Egyptian, the Japanese, and our own," replied Captain Cullen. "Your British Government has also had tests made, and favourable reports were returned by the experts. The Japanese have my works now, and are running them for two years with their own manager in charge. That's how I am able to be here now."

"Have they any in use in the present war?"

"They have, or should have, a couple at Port Arthur, and there are more on the way. They have them on the *Mikasa*, too. My guns will be the ones that will reduce that Golden Fort at Port Arthur, you'll see."

Here the interviewer, beginning to think he now knew something about guns, suggested that it would be a big loss to a Government to cast aside its artillery for the new kind, if it found it necessary to be up-to-date.

"That's just where you missfire, my boy. No less, considerable gain. You see, we can take almost any gun, of any pattern, and re-fit it on the new design. Thus they get practically out of the old pattern." Besides being applied to heavy guns the new principle is adaptable to arms with a smaller barrel, and a rifle constructed by Captain Cullen with the new rifling has been used with great success against tigers in India. It may be noted that Captain Cullen's inventive genius does not stop at guns, for he has invented an auto-projectile shell, which can be made to change its direction of flight at the height of its trajectory by an adjustment of the fuse before firing, and has also invented a pistol which continues to fire automatically up to 10 rounds as long as the trigger is kept pressed down.

Captain Cullen claims descent from Sir Clyde Cullen of Cullen, Banffshire, Scotland, who was an artillery officer with Prince Charlie in 1745. For that reason he was outlawed and his estates confiscated. He emigrated to Virginia and settled near Williamsburg. Captain Cullen wears a seal worn by his ancestor at the battle of Culloden. Sir Clyde Cullen was locally known in Scotland as Lochiel. The Seaford family are now in possession of the Barony of Cullen. "Powerful interests," he stated, "are at work in America, England and Scotland to have the Barony of Cullen restored to me."

FIRE AT HONGKONG.

A SENSATION ABOUT GUNCOTTON.

Fire broke out in a coolie contractor's matshed, at the back of Wellington Barracks last evening at about seven o'clock. This matshed was a large structure, measuring some ninety feet by fifty feet. The Royal Engineers, some soldiers from other regiments, and a number of bluejackets got to work on the flames. The sailors brought water to play on the fire by means of a manual pump connected with the harbour, while the soldiers connected up a hose with a hydrant. Other men beat the flames with long scaffolding poles. Showers of sparks flew in all directions and there was a great glare. There was quite a sensation in the crowd on account of the proximity of brick building said to contain gun-cotton. Two other matsheds were soon ablaze, one of them being another "shed" for coolies and the third the office of Quarter Master Sergeant Hunt, who is employed in connection with the works. Mr. Hunt rushed into the office and seized a drawer containing plans, but when he returned for another drawer it was too late; the whole place was in flames. The flames were subdued in about three quarters of an hour. Nothing could be done when the Fire Brigade arrived, beyond watching the fire burn itself out. There was no serious occasion for the alarm felt on the score of a possible explosion. The storage place was on the other side of a wall, and gun-cotton is in cases to begin with. It requires more than heat to explode it.

TRAM COMPANY TROUBLES.

The adjourned case in which the Tramway Company took action against one of their conductors for the embezzlement of two cents came on for hearing before Mr. F. A. Hazland at the Police Court on Monday. His Worship found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to four months hard labour and six hours stocks. In view of this sentence a number of motormen and tram conductors struck work, and Europeans in the employ of the Company had to run the cars to Causeway Bay last night.

CRICKETERS AT THE CIRCUS.

The circus still continues to attract large and appreciative audiences. The programme this week has been greatly changed, and the performance is as good as ever. An interesting feature of the programme last night was the presentation of bats to the batsmen who secured the highest averages in the Hongkong-Straits match. Mr. Heath of Hongkong, and Mr. Wyatt of Singapore were the recipients. Mr. Love made a little speech. The number of cricketers in attendance, on the bats being presented, struck up the chorus "He's a jolly good fellow" and followed with three cheers for the donor, who responded. There is to be a matinee performance today.

THE A.D.C. PERFORMANCE.

The Amateur Dramatic Club gave their second performance of *Dorothy* at the Theatre last night before a large audience, though there were many vacant seats in the dress circle. A distinct improvement upon Saturday's performance was noticeable, the leading performers having gained confidence and corrected many of the faults of the first night. It was regrettable that the sudden illness of the gentleman who had rehearsed the part of the innkeeper necessitated a change on the eve of the performance of the piece, and while we refrain from criticising the acting of the gentleman who at a moment's notice has been called upon to take the part, we may suggest that the prompter should not shout quite so loudly. He could be distinctly heard last night in the remotest parts of the house. On the whole the performance was excellent and applauded freely. A new joke was introduced by Lavelle to the effect that a man who was suddenly called upon to go into mourning found he possessed only a white suit. He took two turns round the Cricket field, and the smoke from the Naval Yard converted his suit from white to black. The hit was evidently appreciated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO REPAIR AN OMISSION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

CANTON, 21st November.

Sir.—I have read with much interest the article which appeared in your issue of 19th inst. as regards education in Canton.

Your correspondent seems to have a very limited knowledge as far as education is concerned in the Celestial Empire. The Sacred Heart College, which has been in existence since March last, was not mentioned by your correspondent, neither were some other Anglo-Chinese schools.

The above named college, which is under the charge of the French Fathers and under the immediate directorship of Père Fourquet (a well-known figure in the missions), is quietly doing good work in this city, judging by the number of pupils attending the school every day, which is much larger than at those named by your correspondent. The daily attendance of those who regularly frequent the college averages 250. It is only in this institution that English and French are taught by Europeans, besides Physics, Chemistry, and Science. In addition to this tuition it is also in contemplation to incorporate at no distant date the teaching of Russian, German, and Japanese languages.—Yours respectfully,

"B."

HAMBURG.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT]

HAMBURG, 18th October.

THE HIBERNIA COLLIERY.

It may be remembered that at the general meeting of the Hibernia Colliery on August 27, at which the offer of the Prussian Government for the purchase of the property was declined and a fresh issue of stock decided upon by the shareholders, the Dresden Bank entered a protest against the legality of the proceedings and subsequently applied to the courts to have the resolutions passed on that occasion cancelled. The case came on for trial at Böheim on the 10th inst., when judgment was given for the defendants. The Dresden Bank is believed to have acquired a further large number of shares in the meantime, so that it now holds considerably more than one half of the entire stock, and will therefore have a majority at the next general meeting, should the Prussian Government think proper to make a fresh bid for the property. It is significant that when the Colliery Syndicate several weeks ago addressed a letter to the Prussian Minister of Commerce inviting the Government coal mines to join their organization they met with a refusal.

From what I hear, the Kammer Gericht in Berlin has reversed the decision of the lower court at Herne, Westphalia, which had refused an application on the part of the Dresden Bank to have the offer of the Government and the question of the issue of fresh stock placed on the orders of the day for renewed discussion at the next general meeting of the Hibernia Colliery Company to be held shortly.

THE TOY INDUSTRY.

The *Hamburger Nachrichten* has lately had an interesting article on the rapid development of the toy industry of Germany. In 1889 16,490 tons of the value of about one million sterlings were exported to different countries, whereas the total in 1903 amounted to 34,717 tons, worth over £2,842,000. Of all her customers, and there is no country on the face of the earth that has come under the influence of civilisation but buys German toys—the best in Great Britain, which takes about two-fifths of the entire quantity exported, viz., in 903 12,218 tons, of the value of nearly £1,000,000; but the trade is not increasing at the rate it should do, as the German manufacturers are severely handicapped by the high duties on braids and trimmings for dolls' dresses, which they are obliged to get from England to a great extent. The United States come next in order, having purchased about 11,050 tons of toys of various kinds, worth about £800,000, last year. The frequent alterations in the American customs tariff affects the trade unfavourably, the duty on some articles being as high as 60 per cent. of the value. Besides, the toy industry in the States themselves is developing rapidly, but it is generally believed that the American market will retain its importance, particularly if the import duties should be reduced in the course of time, for with its rapidly increasing wealth the requirements of the country will grow in proportion.

France in the past year received in round numbers £150,000 worth of toys from Germany and Holland for £90,000 with every prospect of a growing trade. The prospects of business with Austria-Hungary look less promising, for although toys of the value of about £800,000 were sent to those countries last year, inland competition is becoming keener every day, as the branch establishments started by German manufacturers in Bohemia gradually pass into the hands of Austrians. Of other countries Belgium takes toys to the value of £80,000, the Australian Commonwealth for £70,000, Switzerland for £65,000, and so on. The chief centres of the German toy industry are Leipzig, Sonneberg, Nurnberg, the Black Forest and Alsacia, where altogether something like 30,000 hands find employment in the trade. The import of toys into the Empire is trifling, stopping short of 239 tons, not exceeding £20,000 in value.

THE ELBE.

Navigation on the Elbe is being slowly reopened after having been suspended for nearly three months. The *Vereinigte Elbschiffahrts Gesellschaft* in Dresden began by shipping Bohemian coal (ignite) about the middle of September, but they were obliged to employ barges of shallow draft, and small carrying capacity, so that the total for the month barely reached 15,000 tons. An attempt to forward goods from here to the South a fortnight ago resulted in failure, a number of barges being stranded on the way and the tugs returning to Hamburg. Rates at present are very high as a vast amount of goods is awaiting shipment. To what extent the traffic on the river has suffered will best be seen by comparing the figures of the first nine months of the present year with those for the same period in 1903: the total amount of goods shipped from Bohemia and Saxony this year being about 1,200,000 against 2,200,000 last year. It is not surprising—under the circumstances—that great distress should prevail amongst such of the riverside population as are engaged in the shipping for their livelihood; a subscription has recently been opened here for their relief.

PLAQUE PRECAUTIONS.

The detention of the steamer *Rishipagat* some time ago, owing to the finding of dead rats in the hold which on examination were proved to contain plague bacilli, and the delay occasioned by the sanitary measures adopted in consequence, have led to complaints in the English press. The head of the board of health of the river, Dr. Nocht, has just published a reply stating that the suspicion on which the vessel had been stopped had been proved correct on careful investigation, and that the proceedings instituted therupon had been in strict accordance with the harbour regulations on the subject, which run on the lines of the international health

convention. He adds that since the method of killing the rats on board suspected vessels by means of carbonic acid gas was introduced two years ago, five ships have been subjected to the process, of which three were shown to be infected, whilst in the case of the other two, where no germs were discovered, the delay caused by the examination was less than twice twenty-four hours.

PROTESTED BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Berlin (die Aeltesten der Kaufmannschaft) are preparing a protest to the Reichstag, for the simplification of the present form of protest on inland bills of exchange. They contend that, besides entailing considerable expense, it has become antiquated, being based on the usages of the fourteenth century. They propose that in lieu of the notarial document now required, which in length frequently equals a deed of conveyance or a marriage settlement, a short form be devised stating the fact of the bill having been presented and payment refused, with further particulars if necessary, which might be copied on the back of the bill or attached to it by the person presenting it. This would be a great convenience to bankers and others who are in the habit of sending their clerks or messengers round with whole batches for acceptance or collection. In cases where the bill has been passed through the post office the postman might, as in Belgium, be authorized to affix the protest. The Chamber suggests that it be optional for the holder of a bill to make use of the new form or to insist on a notarial protest in the old fashion.

ENGLISH BANKS.

I understand that two English banks, the Standard Bank of South Africa and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, are about to open branch offices in Hamburg, a fresh sign of the growing importance of the foreign trade of this city.

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-eighth ordinary meeting, to be held at the County's Offices on Tuesday, the 6th December, 1904, at 11 a.m.

Capital subscribed \$3,000,000
Capital paid-up 600,000
Reserve fund 900,000

The Directors have now to lay before the shareholders the accompanying statement of accounts for the year ended 30th April last.

The net premium amount to \$1,530,681.43, and the working account shows a balance at credit of \$481,311.78, which sum the Directors recommend be appropriated in the following manner:

A dividend of 18 per cent. to shareholders (\$1.50 per share), \$108,000.00
A dividend of 15 per cent. on bonus-bearing contributions, (payable to contributors whether shareholders or not) \$100,000.00
To transfer to reserve fund 50,000.00
(Raising the reserve to \$150,000)
Balance to underwriting suspense account to close the year 223,311.78

\$481,311.78

DIRECTORS.

Mr. C. Michelau retired from the Board during the year; Mr. A. Haupt accepted the invitation of the Directors to rejoin the Board, and his appointment will be submitted for the confirmation of shareholders.

Messrs. A. J. Raymond and E. Ormiston retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The annexed accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and H. U. Jeffries, who offer themselves for re-election.

EVAN ORMISTON, Chairman.

The accounts are as follows:—

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
For the year ending 31st April, 1904.

ASSETS. \$ c.
Cash in hand 34,635.02
Fixed deposits with banks in Hongkong 259,000.00
Invested in mortgages of property in Hongkong \$26,000.00
in Shanghai 216,073.05
842,073.05

Bonds of Chinese Imperial Government loan, 1894, 110 bonds at face £200= £22,000.00

tales 29,040= 67,223.73

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, debentures 159,000.00

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Interest 110,532.86

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Sundry debts 52,168.46

£2,768,633.47

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Exchange fluctuation account 1,139.47

Underwriting suspense account 148,113.39

Deficiency outstanding 27,010.83

Sundry credits 97,597.52

Balance of working account 981,311.8

\$2,7,8,633.47

WORKING ACCOUNT.

To losses 664,129.27

To charges, survey fees, &c 247,714.44

To directors' and auditors' fees of head office and branches 18,704.10

To exchange 15,420.10

To written off:—on goods 6,250.00

To written off furniture account 7,000.00

To balance 48,311.78

\$4,64,60.17

By premium, loss re-insurances, return premium and commissions 1,530.03

By interest 110,362.03

By transfer fees 116.65

\$1,641,160.17

RESERVE FUND.

To balances on 31st October, 1903 \$90,000.00

By balance on 31st October, 1904 \$90,000.00

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 22nd November.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR T. SERcombe SMITH (Puisne Judge).

PANG TAK SUN v. KWONG HING LOONG.

This was an action in which the plaintiff sought to recover \$400, alleged to be owing to him by the defendant firm. The plaintiff recently got judgment against the defendant, and also got a garnishee against Ying Wo, but Ying Wo denied that he owed defendant the money.

Mr. H. Hursthorne (of Messrs. Donays and Bowley) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing for the defence.

Mr. Hursthorne submitted that if it were proved that the Ying Wo owed the money to the defendant at the time of the garnishee order being served, whether he paid it to the defendant or not afterwards, he would have to pay the sum again in their favour. He understood, however, that the debt itself was disputed.

Mr. F. Howell, the first bailiff, gave evidence that he had served the garnishee order.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 P.M., to-day, the 22nd inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at 10.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 5th December, or they will not be recognised.

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ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD.

THE above sum will be paid to any person who gives information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of Stealing or Tampering with a Cheque for NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS made out in favour of Messrs. Jebsen and Company, and endorsed by them and sent to be paid at the Deutsche Asiatische Bank in this Colony on the 8th August, 1904, but which was unlawfully cashed and the proceeds stolen by some person or persons unknown.

F. J. BADELEY,

Capt. Supt. of Police.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1904.

LOST—DOG.

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Hongkong, 15th November, 1904.

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DAVID WOOD,

Hon. Secretary,

St. Andrew's Ball Committee.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1904.

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W. M. PARLAME, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1904.

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INTIMATIONS

BOETHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the BOETHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, TOMORROW (THURSDAY), the 24th NOVEMBER, at 5 for 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend Hongkong, 18th November, 1904.

[2704]

NOTICE.

IT IS NOTIFIED for information that any Tradesmen, allowing Soldiers under my command to contract Debts, will do so at their own risk.

(Ed.) W. G. B. WESTERN (Col.),

2nd R. W. Kent Regt.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1904.

[2730]

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Hongkong, 6th September, 1904. [216]

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H. M. S. H. ESMAIL,
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THE TIBET TREATY.

THE ATTITUDE OF CHINA.

Reuter's Agency understands that there is
every probability that the British will remain in
occupation of the Chumbi Valley—the key of
Tibet—for a period of seventy-five years. It was
originally intended that the occupation should
last for three years only, by which time the
indemnity of seventy-five lakhs of rupees
demanded from the Tibetan Government was
to be paid. The Tibetans, however, declared
their inability to meet the whole claim within
the appointed term, and the proposal now before
the Government, and one which meets with
indefinite support, is that one lakh of rupees
shall be paid annually, and that, until the
whole indebtedness is discharged, the Chumbi
Valley shall be held by the British. It is
understood that this arrangement meets with
the approval of the Tibetans.

With regard to the question of the ultimate
ratification of the Lhasa Convention, alluded to
in the recent India Office Communiqué, it
has been known for some time that a hitch had
occurred, but secrecy has been maintained as to
the direction whence the opposition arose. It
has now transpired that, at the last moment,
the Chinese Amban at Lhasa, who, from the
first hour of the arrival of the British Mission
at the Tibet capital, had placed no obstacle in
Colonel Younghusband's way, suddenly declared,
at the eleventh hour, that he objected to the
whole proceedings, remarking further that
China's suzerainty was not sufficiently recogni-
sed. As this declaration implied a direct
reversal of his previous attitude, it was assumed
that he had received instructions from Peking,
inspired by adverse foreign influences at the
Chinese Foreign Office. Some representations
were then made to the Amban, who was informed
that Chinese suzerainty also implied
Chinese responsibility, and it was pointed out
that Great Britain had not expended a million
sterling for nothing. However, the Amban
did not sign the Treaty.

As regards the despatch of the Taotai of
Tientsin as Special Chinese Commissioner to
Lhasa, this measure has given rise to considerable
surprise, for it, as may be supposed, the adhesion of
China to the Lhasa Convention.

The knowledge in China of this condition of
affairs must necessarily have the effect of
unsettling the Tibetan mind and paving the
way for the return of the Dalai Lama and the
Russian Envoy who fled with him.

With reference to China's attitude, it may
be stated that no negotiations between Great
Britain and China have passed in London on
the subject of the Convention. There is reason
to believe, however, that there have been
negotiations between the British Government and
the Diplomatic representatives of other Powers
in London subsequent to the conclusion of the
Treaty. With regard to one contention put
forward in Russia that the Lhasa Convention
would have a serious effect upon the Mongolian
Lamas and also upon the Buddhist Burmese in
Burma, it is pointed out in well-informed
quarters that this notion may be regarded as a
"honey," since there is no real connection
between the Lamas at Lhasa and those above
mentioned. In fact, the Uighur and Burmese
have their own Lamas, who are in many respects
rivals of the Dalai Lama of Tibet.

THE RUSSIAN ARMY IN THE
FIELD.

The war correspondent of the Paris Journal,
writing from Linoyang, made the following
interesting observations: "If you could sound
conscience and penetrate the secret of men's
minds you would doubtless discover that nine
out of every ten of the Russian officers would
be very glad to return at once to Russia. But
you know that if a man belongs to a collective
body his personal feelings disappears and gives
place to that of the body itself. That is what is
called *esprit de corps*. Russian officers are too
proud, their collective *esprit de corps* is too
great, for them to admit the idea of a temporary
peace, and they would consider at such any
peace concluded after a defeat. But as soon as
a great victory has been obtained, as soon as
the prestige of Russian arms has been restored,
I do not think that a single Russian officer
would protest against a treaty of peace taking
Japanese ambitions largely into consideration.
Some of the Russian officers, and not the least
famous of them, do not hesitate to declare that
in their opinion the best thing it can do is to restore
Manchuria to China. The programme openly
advocated by many is to sell to the Chinese
Empire the railways and ports which Russia
has built on its territory, to evacuate entirely
a province in which Russia has no real interest
in remaining, and which, if she kept it, would
be for her a source of peril and a permanent
cause of weakness."

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THE DELEGATE APOSTOLIC TO
THE PHILIPPINES.

The Society of Old Augustinians (St.
Augustine's College, Ramsgate) entertained
at dinner at the Hotel Cecil on October 19th the
Most Rev. Ambrose Agius, O.S.B. (an old
Augustinian), upon his appointment as delegate-
apostolic to the Philippine Islands, with the
title of Archbishop of Palmyra. The Abbot of
St. Augustine's (Right Rev. T. Berg) presided,
and among the large company present
was Dr. Bourne, Archibishop of Westminster;
Dr. Amigo, Bishop of Southwark; Dr. Hedley,
Bishop of Newport; Dr. Burton, Bishop of
Clifton; Mr. R. Dowling, Mayor of Ramsgate;
Sir R. por Parkington; Mr. Arthur A'Beckett;
Mr. E. T. Agius, the Abbot of Downside (Right
Rev. H. Ford); the Rev. T. E. Egan, O.S.B. (rector
of St. Augustine's College); the Rev.
Canon Pyke; Mr. E. J. Bellord; Mr. G. E.
Flanagan, the Rev. D. Skr'mire, and Mr.
G. A. Mackenzie, hon. secretary. Mr. Choute,
the American Ambassador, wrote regretting
that he was unable to attend. The toast of
"The Pope and King" having been honoured,
the president proposed the health of "The
Archbishop of Palmyra," and on behalf of the
Old Augustinians, presented him with a
gold travelling cloak. Dr. Agius, in reply,
said that his spiritual jurisdiction extended over
1,400 islands with 8,000,000 Catholics. He was
going out with the motto of the Benedictine
Order, "Pax," and to carry out the policy of
the Pope, "Restore all things in Christ." He
was reluctant to accept a position of such
tremendous responsibility, but the Holy Father
had said to him, "Act as you have acted during
the ten or twelve years you have been in Rome;
seek the glory of God and the good of your
neighbour, and you will successfully fulfil your
mission." Mr. Bellord proposed the toast of
"The Archbishop of Palmyra."

Mr. Agius having proposed the toast of "The
President," the Abbot of St. Augustine's, in
reply, said that the appointment of Father
Ambrose Agius as delegate-apostolic marked
a break in an ancient practice of Rome.
Hitherto all Papal legates had been Italians.
The delegate-apostolic to the Philippines was
an Englishman to the core.

Mr. Agius, the Abbot of Downside (Right
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Flanagan, the Rev. D. Skr'mire, and Mr.
G. A. Mackenzie, hon. secretary. Mr. Choute,
the American Ambassador

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

AGAMEMNON, British str., 4,461, R. Day, 22nd November.—Shanghai 19th Nov., General Butterfield & Swire.

BENALDER, British str., 1,958, C. K. McIntosh, 2nd Nov.—Shanghai 19th Nov., General Gib, Livingston & Co.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British str., 3,630, Hy. Pylas, R.N.R., 22nd Nov.—Vancouver 31st October and Shanghai 19th Nov., Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co.

JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 623, P. Ohlsen, 21st November.—Haiphong 19th November, General—Johsen & Co.

HAILOONG, British str., 783, W. Passmore, 22nd Nov.—Swatow 21st Nov., General—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

HONGKONG, French str., 742, A. Suzoni, 21st Nov.—Haiphong, Bohow and Kwangchuan 20th Nov., General—A. R. Mart.

PRINZ SIGISMUND, German str., 3,300, D. Lenz, 21st Nov.—Sydney via New Guinea 29th Oct., General—Melschers & Co.

SUPPLY U.S. TRANSPORT, 4,325, G. L. Dyer, 8, R.N.R., 22nd Nov.—Shanghai 19th Nov.

ZAFIRO, British str., 1,611, R. Rodger, 22nd November.—Manila 19th Nov., General—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

22nd November.

Agomenia, British str., for Singapore.

Eastern, British str., for Shanghai.

Ningchow, British str., for Shanghai.

Triumph, German str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

22nd November.

AN PHO, British str., for Portland.

BENALDER, British str., for Kuching.

CARL MENZEL, German str., for Tournai.

CATHERINE APOL, British str., for Calcutta.

CHIYUEN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

CHOYANG, British str., for Shanghai.

FOOCHOW, British str., for Shanghai.

HAILONG, French str., for Houthoek.

JASON, British str., for London.

KOWLOON, German str., for Chinkiang.

LOTHIAN, British str., for Durban.

WALFO, British str., for Canton.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

22nd November.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—KOWLOON DOCKS.—U.S.S. Fathomer, Hanoi, Frounto, Heungshan, Tean, Agincourt.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG."

Captain Pearson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 23rd inst., at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1904. [2723]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIODO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH,"

Captain E. Prehn, due here with the outward German Mail about WEDNESDAY, P.M.

For Further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1904. [45]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"BENALDER."

Captain McIntosh, will be despatched as above on or about the 23rd inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIEB LIVINGSTON & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1904. [2499]

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship

"PURNEA."

Captain Pearson, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 29th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1904. [2724]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Timor, Port Darwin and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EASTERN,"

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 14th December, at NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess had a duly qualified Surgeon

are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIEB LIVINGSTON & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1904. [2714]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS

in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. for its forthcoming service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from

ALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars,

apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.
2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.
3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP.	BENALDER	Brit. str.	—	M. McIntosh, ...	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 23rd inst.
LONDON, &c., via PORTS OF CAL.	SIMLA	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. R. Summers, ...	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 3rd Dec., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young, ...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th Dec.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	DIOMED	Brit. str.	—	H. Kirchner, ...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Dec.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CAL.	P. R. LUFTFOLD	Ger. str.	k. w.	Schoenfeld, ...	MELCHERS & CO.	Today, at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SEGOMIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jaburg, ...	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 29th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SENEGAMIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Forst, ...	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 19th Dec.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	von Hoff, ...	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th Dec.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	C. FRED. LABISZ	Aus. str.	1 m.	Berberovich, ...	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 11th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MARIA VALERIE	Brit. str.	—	J. Melchus, ...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th inst., P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	Brit. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. CO.	STANDARD OIL CO.	On 20th Dec.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	DARDANUS	Brit. str.	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	DOODWELL & CO.	About 23rd inst.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	KENNEBEC	Brit. str.	—	STANDARD OIL CO.	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 30th inst.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	ST. HUGO	Brit. str.	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 1st Dec.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL	BEIZ IZEL	Brit. str.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 30th Dec.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	CLAYERDALE	Brit. str.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 14th Dec.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th Dec.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.	DOODWELL & CO.	On 30th inst.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	KEEMUN	Brit. str.	1 m.	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 13th Dec., at Daylight.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via NAGASAKI, &c.	PELIADES	Brit. str.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th Dec.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA via JAPAN	ARAGONIA	Brit. str.	—	GIEB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	GIEB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 14th Dec., at Noon.
PORTLAND, (OREGON)	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	MELCHERS & CO.	MELCHERS & CO.	On 8th Dec.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EASTERN	Brit. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. CO.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 27th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Brit. str.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	TO-morrow.
BRISBANE & SYDNEY, via NEW GUINEA	SOCOTRA	Brit. str.	—	MELCHERS & CO.	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at 5 P.M.
KOBE	P. R. FRIEDRICH	Brit. str.	—	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIODO & YOKOHAMA	TINGSAO	Brit. str.	1 m.	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	NINGPO	Brit. str.	—	HUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	HUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	TO-morrow.
SHANGHAI	TONKIN	Brit. str.	—	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-day, at 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	BENGAL	Brit. str.	1 m.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	(On 29th inst.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	PURNEA	Brit.				

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 26th November.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MOYUEN"	On 9th December.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"HECTOR"	On 14th December.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"SOBRALENSE"	On 17th December.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"HYSON"	On 20th December.	

HOMEBWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 6th December.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 20th December.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	On 20th December.	
	• Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.		

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"KEEMUN"	On 30th November.	
	For Freight, apply to—		

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 29th October, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SOURABAYA & SAMARANG	"NEEDLES"	On 23rd November.	
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 23rd November.	
SWATOW, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"CHIHLI"	On 24th November.	
KOBE	"CHANGSHA"	On 24th November.	
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 25th November.	
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	On 25th November.	
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 29th November.	

POR DARWIN, THURSDAY
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* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1904.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG: SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	"TINGSANG"	Wed., 23rd Nov., 5 P.M.	
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thurs., 24th Nov., D'light.	
SHANGHAI	"WOSANG"	Fri., 25th Nov., D'light.	

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† Taking cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Chefoo, Tientsin and Yangtze Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1904.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	SOCOTRA	C. J. Benton, B.N.E.	About 27th November	Freight only.

(Passing through the Inland Sea)

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SHANGHAI

BENGAL

G. Phillips

LONDON, &c.

SIMLA

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For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1904.

STEAMERS DESTINATIONS SAILING DATE.

SEGOWIA (HAVRE and HAMBURG) On 29th Nov. Freight.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS LETTERS.

Correspondence posted here in time for the German Mail of the 23rd instant should be delivered in London on the 23rd December.
The *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*, with the German mail of the 25th ult., left Singapore on Friday, the 18th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.
The *Tsatin*, with the French mail of the 29th ult., left Singapore on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 1 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 29th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 24th September.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

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(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)
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TO-DAY.
Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.
Harmont's Circus, Causeway Bay, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.
TO-MORROW.
Regular Meeting of Etienne Marti Lodge, Freemason's Hall, 5 for 5.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
22nd November.

ON LONDON.
Telegraphic Transfer 1.10⁴
Bank Bills, on demand 1.10⁴
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1.10⁴
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1.11⁴
Creditis, at 4 months' sight 1.11⁴
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1.11⁴

ON PARIS.
Bank Bills, on demand 238⁴
Credits, at 4 months' sight 242⁴

ON GERMANY.
On demand 193⁴

ON NEW YORK.
Bank Bills, on demand 46⁴
Credits, 60 days' sight 47⁴

ON BOMBAY.
Telegraphic Transfer 141⁴
Bank, on demand 41⁴

ON CALCUTTA.
Telegraphic Transfer 141⁴
Bank, on demand 41⁴

ON SHANGHAI.
Bank, at sight 71⁴
Private, 30 days' sight 72⁴

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 91⁴

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand 21 p.m.⁴

ON BATAVIA.—On demand 114⁴

ON HAIPHONG.—On demand 1.10 p.m.⁴

ON SAIGON.—On demand 1 p.m.⁴

ON BANGKOK.—On demand 62⁴

GOVERNORS, Bank's Buying Rate \$10.45

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael \$55.30

BAK SILVER, 100 fine, per tael 27⁴

OPIUM.

22nd November.
Quotations are—Allow 20c. to 1 catty.

Malwa New \$1220 to \$1350 per picul

Malwa Old \$1270 to \$1300 "

Malwa V. Old \$1340 to \$1380 "

Persian fine quality \$860 to "

Persian extra fine \$885 to "

Patna New \$1180 to — per chent.

Patna Old \$ — to — "

Banaras New \$130 to — "

Banaras Old \$ — to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. steamer *Prinz Eitel Friedrich* left Singapore on Friday at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-day, p.m.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Toukin* left Singapore on the 22nd Nov. at 1 a.m., for this port via Saigon.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Doris* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 9th Nov.

The P.M. steamer *Manchuria* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 13th Nov.

MECHANIC STEAMERS.

The steamer *Tzen* arrived at Yokohama on the 20th Nov.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Keemaa* left Singapore on the 19th Nov., and is due here on the 26th Nov.

The J.-C.J. steamer *Tjatjap* left Katchi, noted for this port on the 19th Nov., and may be expected here on the 28th Nov.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Decauval* is expected to leave Victoria (B.C.) for Japan and Hongkong on the 24th Nov.

The A.A. steamer *Masapequa* left New York on the 6th Oct., and is due here on the 29th Nov. Mr. K. Suzuki.

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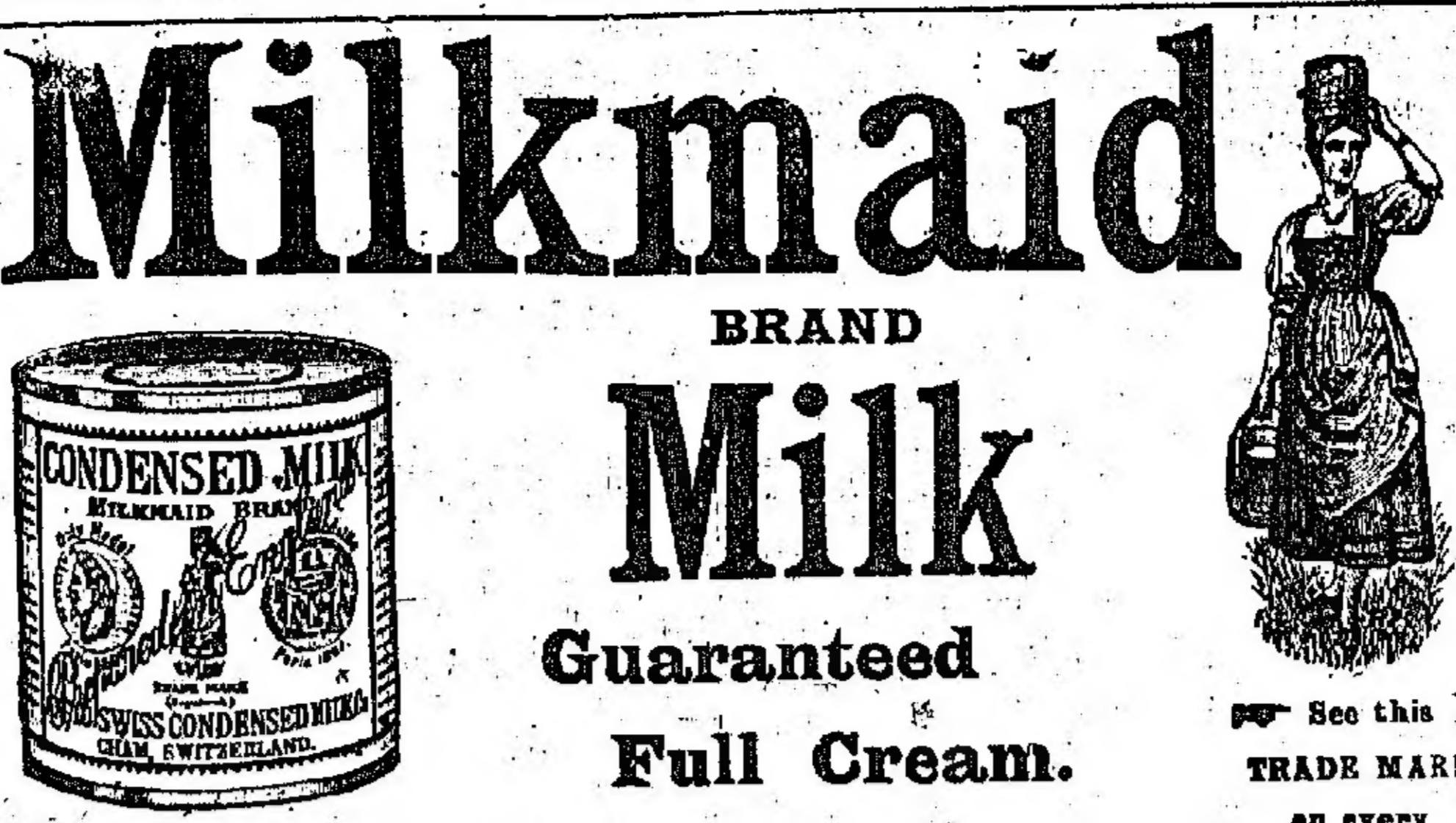
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HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM," 2,363 tons, Captain R. D. Thomas.

S.S. "POWAN," 2,338 tons, Captain G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.

S.S. "FATSHAN," 2,260 tons, Captain W. A. Valentine.

S.S. "HANKOW," 3,073 tons, Captain B. Branch.

S.S. "KINSHAN," 1,995 tons, Captain J. J. Lossius.

Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8.30 a.m. (Sunday excepted), 9 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

(Saturday excepted.)

Departures from Canton to Hongkong daily at 8.30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Sunday excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mail, are the largest and fastest on the River.

Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin Accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN," 1,998 tons, Captain H. D. Jones.

Departures from Hongkong to Macao on weekdays at 2.30 p.m. Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8.30 a.m.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN," 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.

This Steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8.30 a.m. and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD. AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM," 588 tons, Captain J. Wilcox.

S.S. "NANNING," 569 tons, Captain C. Butchart.

One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8.30 a.m. and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin Accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

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8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

1.45 p.m. & 9.00 p.m. 9.45 to 11.15 p.m.
every 1/2 hr.

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